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Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

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The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, in which the Assembly designated the Commission on Population and Development as part of the three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism responsible for monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[1]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/48 of 27 July 2005 and decision 2005/213 of 31 March 2005,

Recalling its decisions 2004/2 and 2005/2 on its methods of work,

Emphasizing that the Commission should play a key role in supporting the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Affirming that its annual review of follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development should be comprehensive so as to respond to issues of heightened and emerging concern,

Emphasizing the breadth of experience of non-governmental organizations in the follow-up to the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation[2] and the need to continue to promote their effective participation in and valuable contribution to the work of the Commission, in accordance with the

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[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[2] General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.

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rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested that each functional commission examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, while recognizing that each functional commission has its own specificity;

2. *Decides* that the Commission will adopt a multi-year programme of work limited to a two-year planning horizon, and also decides to select a special theme for each year based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;[1]

3. *Also decides* that, in considering each annual theme, the Commission will continue to review and assess both its substantive and policy aspects as well as progress made in programme implementation in relation to that theme;

4. *Further decides* that the Commission, at its general debate, with participation open to all Member States and observers, including through the use of keynote speakers and experts on the special theme, will address the challenges to the implementation of the goals, objectives and commitments of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development as well as the means for accelerating their implementation;

5. *Decides* that the outcomes of the discussions of the Commission, including on its special theme, where possible and appropriate, should contain substantive recommendations for furthering the implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation;

6. *Also decides* to include in its programme of work new and emerging issues, as necessary, agreed by the Commission upon recommendation of Member States in that regard;

7. *Invites* Member States, in order to maintain and enhance the quality and impact of the Commission's debates, to consider including in their delegations to the Commission representatives with technical expertise in the particular areas of population and development under consideration;

8. *Requests* the bureau of the Commission to meet as frequently as necessary in preparation for annual sessions of the Commission, as well as to facilitate regular and informal open-ended briefings, in conjunction with the Secretariat, to Member States on the status of such preparations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure strengthened cooperation and coordination between relevant parts of the United Nations system in the technical preparation of future sessions of the Commission.